

# WITH THE FARMERS

By Prof. W. F. MASSEY

(Letters addressed to Professor Massey must have stamp inclosed for answer.)



W. F. Massey.

March 11, 1914.  
Watermelons and  
Lime.  
"Will an application of lime carbonate have a good or bad effect on watermelons? Will pinching the main runners of watermelons have any effect on the crop? Some advise it for cantaloupes. Why not watermelons? I have never used lime on land to be planted in watermelons, and I doubt the advisability of doing it. There are some things that do best on acid soil. Strawberries are decidedly hurt by liming the soil, and I know that the fruit of watermelons and cantaloupes are grown here on land that is certainly acid. I do not think that there is any sort of advantage in pinching the vines of watermelons or cantaloupes either. Have tried it without any good effect whatever."

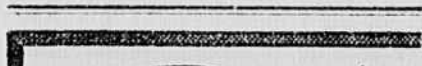
## A Transient Tenant.

Kent County, Del.: "I have been reading your columns carefully. I am from Virginia, but a friend of mine there has bought a farm here and cannot move on it till another year, and I have rented it for one year, paying for half the fertilizer and getting half the crop. Some of the land is low and very black, and I am thinking of using acid phosphate on this black land for corn. What fertilizer should I use for potatoes and tomatoes? You know all about these Eastern Shore lands. Some say that it will pay men to use ground limestone on the black land, but a one-year tenant may not get any profit from this."

"If I cut the clover for hay, would the same formula do with a heavier application. I used last year cotton-seed meal for ammonia, but I notice that you discourage the use of this on 'bacco.' You have doubtless read the formula for tobacco which I have given several times in these columns. But with the conditions you have that would give you an excess of nitrogen. I would by all means turn the clover under, disk it both ways to mix it under with the soil before plowing it under, and then edge up the furrows well, and do not turn over flat, as it might be troublesome in dry weather. If a little clover sticks out it will not matter, as the harrowing and cultivation will take care of that. The old clover seed will be brought back where it will go the most readily. If you can give you nearly enough nitrogen, and you will only need some quickly available nitrogen to give an early start. I would suggest the following: Four hundred pounds of phosphate, 200 lbs. of nitrate of soda, and 40 lbs. of sulphate of potash an acre."

## Strawberries.

Accomack County: "Please inform me what is the best variety of strawberries to plant here for the early market. I have a plot of land about one and one-half acres of low, black soil, which was planted in tomatoes last year, and is very fertile. I limed it in 1912, and it was of great benefit. How far apart should the plants be set, and what fertilizer should be used? I have three acres sowed to timothy and red top, and Alsike clover last fall, and did not get a good stand. Can I sow more seed this spring, and what fertilizer will be best on this grass? I do not grow early strawberries, as the middle season ones are so much better. The early Ozark is a good early berry, but for general crop there is no berry better than the Chesapeake. Some of our growers are using the Maryland, and they are being grown at Norfolk as an early berry. I set strawberries in four-foot rows and fifteen inches apart in the rows, and grow the matted row plan. A good fertilizer is 400 pounds of acid phosphate, 200 pounds of sulphate of potash, and 50 pounds of sulphate of potash an acre in the furrows, and bedded on with a two-furrow list. This is flattened and the plants set."



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## SWEENEY JOINS YANKEE OUTFIT

Chicago, Ill., March 10.—Ed. Sweeney, catcher, who has been negotiating with the Federal League, signed a new contract with the New York American League team to-day. It was announced at the office of Ben Johnson, Johnson said Sweeney's contract called for the largest salary paid any catcher in organized baseball. He would not name the amount.

## PING BODIE HAS JOINED WHITE SOX

Chicago, Ill., March 10.—"Ping" Bodie, hard-hitting outfielder of the Chicago Americans, has signed a 1914 contract, according to a message from Sacramento.

"Pitcher Eddie Cicotte is the only one of the Sox who has not yet signed, and it is understood he is holding out for an advance in salary. Cicotte is said to have been offered a place in the Federal League."

## GWYNNER NAMED TO HEAD STOGIES

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 10.—Edward W. Gwynner, local capitalist, to-day was elected president of the Pittsburgh Federal League team. William McLaughlin, former secretary, was made business manager. The Pittsburgh team will leave for Lynchburg, Va., the training camp, Thursday night. A complete roster of the club will be announced to-morrow.

## ZYBSCZKO WINS FEATURE BOUT

New York, March 10.—Waldemar Zybsczko, the most important bout at the Madison Square Garden wrestling tournament to-night, when he downed Tom Jenkins in 27 minutes and 2 seconds. Raoul de Roubert, Georges Sandela, Hilmar Lundon threw Hans Zolner. Alexander Aberg defeated Minamoto in the semifinal.

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## WEAVER BITTER ATTACKS KEEZELL

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## FIRST RAILROAD FOR GOVERNMENT

Alaska Bill Provides for Construction of 1,000 Miles of Railway.

## MEASURE PASSES CONGRESS

Ready for President's Signature, and Tentative Plans Already Considered.

Washington, March 10.—The Alaska Railway bill, providing for the construction of 1,000 miles of railway by the government and the expenditure of \$35,000,000, was ready for President Wilson's signature late to-day when the Senate adopted the conference report, already adopted by the House.

President Wilson has indicated his intention of signing the bill as soon as it reaches the White House, and tentative plans for constructing the first government railroad already have been considered at the Interior Department. Secretary Lane is prepared to go ahead with the project as soon as the President gives the word.

Final action in Congress came after a long debate in the Senate, the report of the conference committee appointed to settle differences between the two houses being adopted, 42 to 27. The measure authorizes construction of not more than 1,000 miles of railroad to connect Alaska's coal fields with the coast, the route to be selected by the President. He also is to decide whether or not the railroad already constructed in the territory shall be purchased as a part of the government system, and whether the road is to be operated by the government itself or leased.

The discussion to-day was principally on a suggestion by Senator Cummins that the Senate conferees be instructed to reinsert the language of the bill as passed by the Senate and stricken out of the house, providing that the President in constructing the railroad in Alaska are to be bought and used as a part of the system, but or arrange for the purchase of these lines before construction of extensions is begun.

Senator Cummins declared that leaving it discretionary with the President to determine whether the government should begin building lines into the interior at the Northern terminus of existing private railroads from the Alaskan seaboard, might enhance the value of existing roads that syndicates could demand a prohibitive price from the government.

Senator Pittman replied that such a thing would be an obviously outrageous move. He said that he had no objection to a bill which would give the President influence which could bring such a result about. The bill, as perfected, he said, directed the President to construct a continuous line from the seaboard to the interior, and that obviously it first will be settled whether the main line should be built by the government or purchased outright or by condemnation from existing corporations before any extensions were erected in the Alaskan interior.

There was also extended debate on Senator Norris' contention that the language of the bill placed on the President the obligation to make an effort to lease the railroad after it is built. Other Senators insisted, however, that the language already made this optional.

## MONEY OFFERED TO GET EVIDENCE

Charge Made by Alderman Butler Sharply Denied by Investigating Committee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
New York, March 10.—Alderman Hugh Butler, Democrat, who is the organization faction of the Democratic party, created a stir at to-night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, when he made statements reflecting on the sincerity of the police in investigating the conduct of the police department.

He opposed a resolution appropriating \$1,000 to defray the expense of the investigation of the police department, which he had seen an affidavit in which it was stated that a certain person had been offered money if he would testify to certain things.

Members, Charles Markel and O'Dea, members of the committee, were on their feet in an instant and demanded of Mr. Butler the name of the party who made such an affidavit and where the money was offered. A resolution was offered to force Mr. Butler to give the Aldermen the information, but he declared he would not divulge it under any circumstances. A resolution was then offered to adopt a call upon Mayor Mayo at once to begin action to learn the name of the party and who made the affidavit and where the money was offered.

Alderman Markel declared the paper was probably one of several being circulated to hinder the committee in its work.

"I want to say that any man who says the committee offered to pay anybody to testify tells a lie," he declared. "Every possible thing is being done by certain people to choke off this investigation. They fear we might go higher up, and we are going higher up."

Alderman Butler declared he had no intention of reflecting on the committee, but he did not think they had treated Police Captain Ford, one of the men under charges fairly. He believed they admitted everything against Ford and no evidence in his favor.

The police investigation is certain to split the organization faction of the Democratic party. The Trevelyan faction is reported to be against the investigation, while the Prince faction is in favor of it.

Facts already brought out have caused a big split in the party, and after the committee concludes its work, Mayor Mayo and the Board of Control will conduct an investigation. It is also probable that there will be grand jury investigation.

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"Yet he accuses me of being a malicious liar. It is doubly offensive, since he has been in the Federal Congress and done what he has done in this Assembly, he would now be behind the bars of a prison.

"I waive all immunity as a member of the body that I am responsible for what I say. I ask Harvey Kezell to say whether he did not take the \$229.66 of taxes saved to the Chesapeake and Western Railway, out of the treasury of Rockingham County, and put it into his own pocket. I would be grieved, indeed, if my stand by my own community or in his body could be called into question from such a source."

## KEEZELL ANSWERS WEAVER ATTACK

Former Senator George B. Kezell gave out the following statement last night in answer to Mr. Weaver:

"The able and impressive chairman of the Finance Committee of the House, claiming his privilege as a member of the House (a privilege I do not have) has risen to a 'question of personal privilege,' gotten his picture in the papers and given vent to his pent-up feelings and satirized in a further attack upon me, in which he has undertaken to relate a false and slanderous story first made concerning me in the campaign of two years ago. He has not even done this with any degree of accuracy—as those who concurred in tell it—if he is correctly quoted in the afternoon papers of to-day. He charges me with manufacturing testimony, putting in his mouth words he did not say when he made his attack on me some days since. I submit I quoted his language as reported in the public print that I saw, and based my statement upon it, presuming he was correctly reported."

In his statement of personal privilege he has admitted his own error and the correctness of my contention—when I stated that the matter in controversy had gotten into the appropriation bill because I "a member of the committee"

## Father and Son Both Happy

the past three years. He lost flesh, and was so weak he could hardly work. He has a son who also has suffered from catarrh for seven years. Mr. Fralin said: "We have spent hundreds of dollars in buying and trying all kinds of catarrh remedies we could find, but nothing seemed to reach our cases. We continued to get worse all the time, and had given up all hope of ever being benefited when I read about the grand old Quaker Remedies at Trangle's drug store and the benefits that others had received from them. So I decided to write to him. I did so, and am not sorry. I purchased one bottle of Quaker Herb Extract, took it home, and my son and I started to take it, and I want to say to the public that in that one bottle of medicine my son and myself have received more benefit than we ever received from all the others combined. My headache is gone, the lumps in my throat are gone, appetite better, and feel better than I have for years. My son says the same, and told me to send back after the rest of the treatment."

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